

CLANDESTINE SERVICE SUPPORT OFFICERS' MEETING

DDS Conference Room

16 June 1971

1. Present were:

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2. Items of interest from the DDP Staff Meeting:

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a. Illnesses [ ] announced that [ ] suffered a heart attack over the past weekend and is still in intensive care. The prognosis for his recovery is good. [ ] also mentioned that Jim [ ] had suffered a heart condition early in the week and while still hospitalized, is in good condition.

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b. New York Times Articles [ ] remarked that CIA has never had a copy of the report on Southeast Asia which is receiving current publicity. The Director has instructed all concerned to have nothing to say about the current problem. The attitude is that we keep our mouths shut when we are attacked and we will also do the same when we are praised.

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c. 1972 Appropriation [ ] accompanied the Director to the hearings before the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday. This Committee is now chaired by 80-year old Senator Ellender who replaced Senator Russell. [ ] said the hearing lasted from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour out for lunch and that he feels the Agency came out very well in its presentation, most of which was given by the Director and Col. White.

25X1A d. Drug Problem The Director asked [ ] to acquaint component chiefs with the fact that the President had called a meeting on Monday in the White House on the world-wide drug problem at which were present the Director, the Secretaries of State and Defense, many Under & Asst. Secretaries and several Ambassadors. The President remarked that while South Vietnam may not be with us for too much longer the drug problem will.

25X1A He enjoined all departments and agencies to make a maximum contribution toward getting at the sources of the problem and [ ] said that the

25X1A subject has a continuing high priority with all Agency components. [ ] of CI Staff is the major Agency coordinator on this effort.

25X1A e. Senior Officer Schools [ ] referred to a memorandum of 28 May which called on all Clandestine Service components to make nominations for Senior Officer Schools for fiscal year 1972. At this time only three

25X1A divisions had responded, all negatively. [ ] asked that we go back to the drawing board on this request and come up with suitable candidates. He made the point that it is important for the Agency to put its best foot forward through our students at these schools and secondarily, the students themselves benefit greatly from attendance.

3. Items of interest from the DDS Staff Meeting:

a. Retiree Longevity Mr. Coffey read from some statistics given him by Mr. Fisher from the Civil Service Commission having to do with retirees. The Commission records show that on the average a male employee who retires at age 60 on other than disability retirement may be expected to draw an annuity for 17 years and women will average 22 years in a retired status. While these are the averages, any person whether retired or not should have his affairs in order, a valid will, adequate insurance coverage for his dependents and a knowledge by the dependents that these things have been taken care of.

25X1A b. Ervin Bill Last week the Director invited the House Subcommittee chaired by Representative Hanley to breakfast and a briefing on the Agency and how the Ervin Bill would affect it. The session extended to three hours and it would appear that Chairman Hanley's Committee is likely to press for complete exemption for the Agency from the Bill.

25X1A c. SA-DD/S Mr. Coffey announced that [ ] will be reporting PCS in early July to take over [ ] Special Assistant for Air duties.

d. DCI Absence The Director will be leaving on 17 June for about two weeks absence.

e. Agency Ceiling Harry Fisher announced the Agency has already reached its prescribed ceiling reductions for 30 June 1971 and over all is a bit under the FY'72 limit. Harry said he was ready to bring on board selected new appointments before 1 July.

25X1A f. National War College Mr. Hugh Cunningham announced that two of our four students at the current session of the National War College had been singled out for commendation for the excellence of their research papers. They were [redacted] of EUR.

25X1A g. AT&T Strike [redacted] has pulled together an Ad Hoc Study Group to determine what impact would be felt on the telephone service if the American Telephone and Telegraph Company is struck by installers and repairmen in the next few weeks.

25X1A h. Personnel Appointments Mr. Coffey announced that [redacted] has been approved by the Director as COS, [redacted] to replace [redacted] who will join the Staff at the Army War College. Jim will become COS effective 6 July 1971 and [redacted] as been selected as Jim's replacement.

4. Other items of interest:

25X1A a. Senior Seminar The Director of Training has received approval to announce the first running of the Senior Seminar which is scheduled from 19 September through 24 November 1971. Participation will be limited to twenty officers, minimum grade GS-15. Hugh will send the announcement and an outline to the Heads of Operating Components and Training Officers. It calls for nominations by 9 July with final selections to be made by 23 July. Quotas for nominations will not be established and each Directorate will be requested to nominate more officers than might ordinarily be expected to attend on a straight quota basis.

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d. Deaths

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1) As most of you know, [redacted] died suddenly on Saturday, 12 June and was buried this morning. George was 60, having retired last August.

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2) [redacted] mother was killed and his father seriously injured in an auto accident yesterday morning in Long Island.

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e. Conference of Support Officers The week of 19 September has been tentatively set for the Support Officers Conference at [redacted] Bruce [redacted] is chairing a committee to develop an agenda and will have as his